## CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 1985, 7:30 P.M.

IN ROOM H-769, HALL BUILDING, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

## DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING:

BD-42-D1: Letter from ECA to CUSA re Service Contract Proposal dated

29 July 1985

BD-42-D2: Student Services Vice-President Activities Report

BD-42-D3: Letter from Graham Martin, Vice-Rector University Services to

Hon. Flora MacDonald re Streamlining CEC Office on Campus dated

7 October 1985

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Although quorum had not yet been achieved, Interim Chairperson Scott White called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

#### PRESENT:

#### Co-Presidents:

Ron Hiscox (8:45) Michael Judson (10:10)

#### Commerce:

Georges Berberi Janice Domaratzki Tony Ghannamy Jenny Rice Shirleen Weekes

#### Fine Arts:

David Etherington Ian Chuprun

# Arts and Science:

Adrian Chomenko (8:55)
Milva D'Aronco
Lorne Lecker
Chris Mostovac
Mark Pink
Heather Rerrie

#### Engineering:

Dan Artola Jonathan Jolivet

#### ABSENT:

Arts and Science: Maria Calderone, Andy King (W/R), Maki Kusano (W/R), Jim

Schneider (W/R), Jennifer Stark (W/R), Karen Takacs

Commerce: Elizabeth Laett

Engineering: Andrew Haberl, Martin Pereira

Fine Arts: Ian Fleet, Page Lopez

Advisors to the Board Present: François Desrosiers, External V.P.; Peter Wheeland, Communications V.P.; Scott White, Student Services V.P.; Lorne Woods, Academic Programming V.P.; Yael Lifshitz, Education V.P. (10:00); Brian Weihs, Finance V.P. (10:40).

## 2. Receipt of Elections Report:

Interim Chairperson Scott White read the report submitted by CRO Paul Gott. Tony Ghannamy has been acclaimed to the Board as a Commerce representative. The present status of Directors is as follows: there are presently 28 Directors and there remains one seat to be filled from Commerce and one seat to be filled from Arts and Science. CRO Paul Gott in his report recommended that no further attempts be made to fill the empty Board seats because firstly there was a definite lack of interest in students to join the Board as evidenced by the response to half-page advertisements in The Link and The Concordian, and secondly because of time restrictions.

### 3. Approval of Agenda:

The following items on the Agenda were changed. A report on the November 13th Boycott of Classes will be given as Item 6(a). All other Reports will move up a letter. Item 6(c), the Alcohol Awareness Task Force Report, will be postponed until the next Board meeting because of Deborah Konig's inability to attend due to illness. Item 8(f), the ECA-CUSA Negotiations Discussion, will be moved up to 8(c), and all other items of New Business will be dropped back a letter. The Election of the Chairperson of the Board of Directors will be added to the Agenda as Item 5"-and-a-half", follwoing the Chairperson's Remarks.

The Agenda was approved as amended.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes of the 39th and 40th Meetings:

The Minutes of the 39th Meeting were not available yet.

The Minutes of the 40th Meeting were approved as written.

(8:30)

#### 5. Chairperson's Remarks:

Interim Chairperson Scott White stated that Page Lopez, representative from Fine Arts, had missed 12 consecutive meetings of the Board. For this reason Scott White had drawn up a petition requiring the signatures of eight Directors to discuss the question of his impeachment. This item will be entered on the next Agenda and it will, of course, have to go to the Judicial Board unless Page Lopez decided to resign beforehand. There were no objections to circulating the petition during the meeting.

As his penultimate remark, Scott White wished to refute the rumour that he was resigning as Chairperson because he did not enjoy the position, rather he felt that he would like to contribute in another way.

## 5.5 Election of Chairperson of the Board:

Interim Chairperson Scott White announced that there were two candidates for the position, both of whom he felt were suitably qualified. Chris Mostovac asked how the advertising had been handled for this position.

Scott White responded that an advertisement had appeared in "The Concordian" and another had been planned for "CUSA Today" but "CUSA Today" did not appear. Chris Mostovac felt that the position had not been publicized properly and moved that this item be postponed until next meeting so that more advertising could be done, but this move was not seconded and Interim Chairperson Scott White called on the candidates to present themselves.

## Candidate: Georges Berberi:

Georges Berberi stated that he is a third-year Commerce student with a minor in Business Law. He feels that there is a lack of interest among outsiders and that he could be of help in trying to induce others to participate. Peter Wheeland asked whether Georges Berberi would be a strict or lenient chair. Georges Berberi explained that although he does have a lot of patience and is tolerant to an extent, the meetings would be more strict than he has experienced as a Director regarding the agenda, quorum, conversation, etc. and, for example, he would not have allowed the button-making that was going on to be done if he had been chairperson.

(8:45)

#### Candidate: John Moore:

John Moore prepared his resume and distributed it to the Directors. stated that he is in his first year at Concordia in the School of Community and Public Affairs. He is involved as a member of the Governing Council of the School of Community and Public Affairs and he is the Publicity Director for the Winter Carnival. He also stated that he had been involved at Vanier CEGEP in the student government. Jonathan Jolivet asked if he was familiar with the issues and John Moore responded that he had been reading the minutes of previous Board meetings, he had read the constitution and he reads the student newspapers. Peter Wheeland asked whether he would be flexible or inflexible as Chairperson, and John Moore responded that he felt there should be no reason to leave Robert's Rules of Order. Desrosiers questioned whether John Moore would have the time required to carry out the duties of this position, and John Moore answered that he was prepared to make time and to resign from the Governing Council of the School of Community and Public Affairs. Chris Mostovac asked how much time he envisioned spending on the publicity for the winter carnival. Moore admitted that he knew it would be a busy period but that he had cleared his schedule to the point that he felt he could cope.

Interim Chairperson Scott White announced that quorum had still not been achieved and, as such, the voting would have to be postponed until other Directors arrived.

#### 6. Reports:

## a) Report on the Boycott of Classes:

Interim Chairperson Scott White gave the floor to Aleem Lakhani to report on the "Day of Solidarity with the People Opposed to the Apartheid Regime in South Africa" held on November 13, 1985. Aleem Lakhani reported that the attendance was good at the events throughout the day. There were approximately 500 people at each speech given by the guest lecturers and approximately 700 taking part in the protest march. The event received a

lot of media coverage. Aleem Lakhani also expressed his thanks to the large number of students who helped out on the day. He also stated that a final report on how the money allocated by CUSA was spent would be ready in early January. Regarding divestment, Aleem Lakhani reported that the Board of Governors has appointed a committee to study the issue, and that he will pressure the committee to make its report. He further stated that he will keep the CUSA Board of Directors advised of further actions.

Dan Artola commented that he had seen a number of posters for the boycott that had been glued on walls and other surfaces around the campus. Aleem Lakhani said that as far as he knew, his committee workers were using tape to put up the posters.

Janice Domaratzki stated her disappointment in the number of Directors who did not show up at the events.

### b) Communications V.P. Report:

Peter Wheland stated that this was a joint report on the interuniversity committee on underfunding prepared by himself, Mike Judson, Francois Desrosiers and Yael Lifshitz. The committee has decided to make the underfunding of Concordia University relative to other institutions a focal point for the politicians during the provincial election campaign, firstly to make the politicians aware of the fact and, secondly, to ensure that some action is taken in this regard. The University Administration has pointed out that without a great deal of student participation, it will be In this respect, several activities have been planned: memorial mass for quality education will be held, students will be asked to wear black armbands to show mourning, buttons signifying same will be distributed, Claude Ryan has been scheduled to speak next Monday, a debate between the St. Louis riding candidates is scheduled for Tuesday, the "flying stinger squads" will attend political meetings to ask the candidates pointed questions regarding Concordia's underfunding. Wheeland continued stating that CUSA and the university community in general have been ignoring the issue of cutbacks since 1981-82 and it is time to act now.

Francois Desrosiers eloquently requested that the Directors show that they care about underfunding by helping out in explaining to students what the demonstrations are about, by distributing armbands and buttons, by talking to the professors. He reminded Directors that there are only two weeks remaining in the election campaign and therefore only two weeks to increase the awareness of the student community. Francois Desrosiers pleaded for the Directors to give some assistance and commented on how frustrating it was to always see the same faces whenever volunteers were required.

(9:00)

Peter Wheeland requested that the discussion on cutbacks be continued and asked Ron Hiscox to speak on what had been said at the Board of Governors meeting earlier in the evening. Ron Hiscox stated that the recurring theme at the meeting had been the dramatic difference in funding that Concordia receives relative to the amounts that other institutions receive. He reported that the Board of Governors was presented with a "balanced budget", which would mean mass layoffs and a 20% reduction in salaries, in order to illustrate just how bad the situation is. A good deal of discussion was centered on how much an acceptable deficit would be. The Board of Governors plans to deal with the deficit through staff reductions

by early retirement and attrition, revenue increases through ancillary services, and cutbacks in support staff (e.g., exam invigilators). The bottom line is that there will be cutbacks in order to bring the deficit under control. If the Board of Governors had the option, they would have declared bankruptcy at 30 cents on the dollar and started fresh. Ron Hiscox further reported that the Board of Governors was concerned with the point at which the deficit becomes so large that the banks lose confidence in the government's ability to cover the deficit. The Board of Governors feels that the time has come for the University to start taking action and, as such, there will be cutbacks—and cutbacks that will affect CUSA, for example imputation charges and the relief thereof, but there were no specifics as of tonight's meeting. Francois Desrosiers asked what CUSA's position would be on charges levied on students (indirect tuition) and Ron Hiscox responded that CUSA would be in disagreement with such charges.

Peter Wheeland asked if the Directors were prepared to make committments to become involved in the activities planned for the next two weeks. Chris Mostovac admitted being hesitant to become involved if he were not fully intormed of all the facts. Peter Wheeland assured him and all the Directors that information would be available in a special edition of "CUSA Today" complete with editorials, graphs, facts as well as a leaflet to be prepared for printing in the next 24 hours.

(9:15)

### 5.5 Election of the Chairperson of the Board

Interim Chairperson Scott White announced that quorum had been achieved and the vote for the chairperson could be held. The candidates, Georges Berberi and John Moore, introduced themselves once again and the voting took place. Georges Berberi won the election and will take over the position at the next meeting after he has resigned from the Board of Directors.

#### 8. New Business:

#### a) Appointments to University Senate:

Interim Chairperson Scott White decided to deal with this Item because there was quorum at this time. He announced that Education V.P. Yael Lifshitz had left a message to say that she was in attendance at the Board of Governors meeting but gave her permission to the Board to go ahead with the ratification. Scott White asked Ron Hiscox if he was aware of any interim appointments Yael Lifshitz may have made to Senate, and Ron Hiscox responded in the negative. Scott White announced that there was a candidate who was at the meeting when it started and he was asked to return at 8:30 p.m., but failed to return. Milva D'Aronco commented that Yael Lifshitz has missed a number of meetings and Lorne Lecker reminded the Board that at the last meeting when Yael Lifshitz failed to show, the Directors agreed that something should be done about her performance.

(9:30)

Milva D'Aronco stated that logistically there should be no problem in ratifying the three candidates present (Alex Burns, Alex Commodari and Tony Ghannamy) for the three seats that were vacant. Interim Chairperson Scott White stated that there was the question of the division of seats by

faculty, but that he would take it upon himself to proceed with the ratification of the candidates for all three seats: Alex Burns and Alex Commodari from Arts and Science, and Tony Ghannamy from Commerce. There were no objections to this procedure.

## Candidate: Alex Burns:

Alex Burns stated that he had been trying to contact Yael Lifshitz for a long time and had been unsuccessful. He feels that it is of grave importance for the student voice to be a strong one, especially in view of the cutbacks discussed earlier. He feels that he can be that strong voice to represent the student body. Mark Pink asked about time constraints and whether Alex Burns would be available on Fridays for Senate, and Alex Burns assured him that he could foresee no problems.

## Candidate: Tony Ghannamy:

Tony Ghannamy stated that he is a third-year commerce student who gets along well with his fellow Commerce students and feels that he is able to discuss issues with them. He further stated that he feels it is very important for students to have a voice in Senate. Lorne Lecker asked him to explain on what level he discusses issues with other students, whether it was in formal or informal settings, and Tony Ghannamy responded that it was personal, informal contact. David Etherington asked about his involvement in various Commerce committees and Tony Ghannamy answered that he was not involved and, as such, he would have the time necessary to devote to fulfilling his responsibilities to Senate.

#### Candidate: Alex Commodari:

Alex Commodari stated that he had spoken to Yael Lifshitz of his interest in serving on Senate but did not believe that she was too enthusiastic about nominating him. He explained his reasons for putting himself up for this position, stating that he is concerned about student rights and that he had been active in the Senate restructuring research. He assured the Directors that his course schedule was not heavy this year and he felt that he had ample time to carry out his duties both as a representative to Senate and as the Winter Carnival Chairperson.

#### (9:45)

Interim Chairperson Scott White announced that ballots would be distributed and whichever candidates receiving a majority of the votes cast would be ratified as representatives to Senate.

Janice Domaratzki asked what would be done about the candidate who had been present earlier at the meeting. Interim Chairperson Scott White responded that the candidate had been asked to return at 8:30, it was now over an hour later than the time specified and there was no sign of him so the Directors would have to go ahead with the ratification procedure on those candidates who were present.

Appointed to University Senate were:

Alex Burns Alex Commodari Tony Ghannamy

### b) Appointments to the Concordia Council on Student Life:

Interim Chairperson Scott White announced that there were three of six seats available on the Concordia Council on Student Life. He explained that there were two categories of seats: (1) CUSA Executives or Directors, and (2) students-at-large. Presently serving on CCSL are two from the first category and one student-at-large, leaving two seats for students-at-large and one seat for a CUSA Executive or Director. This necessitated running two seperate elections. Running for the student-at-large seats are Heather Carpenter and Frank Benson. Interested in the remaining seat for a CUSA Executive or Director are Maria Calderone, Milva D'Aronco and Lorne Lecker.

The first election was for the two student-at-large seats.

#### Candidate: Frank Benson:

Frank Benson stated that he is a second-year Philosophy student. He is presently serving as the Vice-Chairman of the CUSA Judicial Board and has been on the Nominating Committee for Code of Conduct Hearings. He congratulated the CUSA Board of Directors on its work and felt that the Board had set new standards in student government at Concordia. He further stated that he is committed not only to this year but to 1986-87 as well and would hope to generate interest on the part of others in CCSL for the future.

### Candidate: Heather Carpenter:

Heather Carpenter stated that she works as a part-time receptionist for CUSA and is in her fourth year at Concordia. Through her association with the Debating Club she was present at the last CCSL meeting and was impressed with the amount of input students can have. Although she will be leaving the University in June 1986, she feels that she would have valuable input regarding the problems students face. She also stated that she has the time to serve on CCSL.

Elected to the Concordia Council on Student Life were:

Frank Benson Heather Carpenter

(10:00)

The second election was held for the CUSA Executive or Director seat.

Candidate: Maria Calderone:

Not present.

#### Candidate: Milva D'Aronco:

Milva D'Aronco stated that she is very interested in serving on CCSL. She feels she could do a good job because she is aware of the issues. For example, she talked with Brian Counihan, Dean of Students, about the Capital Campaign Fund and suggested forming a committee under CCSL which could review and make recommendations for next year. Not only would this

take it out of CUSA's hands and put it closer to Administration, but it would also provide continuity from year to year.

## Candidate: Lorne Lecker:

Lorne Lecker stated that he has been impressed with CCSL and would be interested in serving on CCSL. He feels his experience from sitting on a number of boards would be an asset.

Elected to the Concordia Council on Student Life was:

Milva D'Aronco

At this point in the proceedings, Interim Chairperson Scott White announced a return to Agenda Item 6.

### 6. Reports:

## d) Visiting Lecturers Committee Report:

Interim Chairperson Scott White gave the floor to Adrian Chomenko to present the report of the Visiting Lecturers Committee. Adrian Chomenko reported that the Chairman of the Committee is Michael Sheldon and there have been two meetings held on Sept. 26 and Nov. 7. The total budget of the Committee is \$20,000 and this money has been allocated to 21 groups to provide honorariums and to cover travel and accommodation costs for the various speakers. \$2,425 of the budget went to student groups. Adrian Chomenko stated that he will recommend that a memo be distributed to all student groups next year informing them about the Committe and its functions. He further stated that he would recommend that CUSA representatives serve on the Committee from the beginning.

(10:15)

## 8. New Business:

## d) Motion Concerning Legal Action;

Interim Chairperson Scott White gave the floor to Ron Hiscox to elaborate on this Item. Ron Hiscox explained that in regard to the lawsuit filed by Jean Robertson for \$100,000 damages for defamation of character and mental anguish due to being implicated because of his position as general manager of Cusacorp in the Baird/Girdwood misappropriation of funds in terms of Cusacorp versus fraternity bashes, CUSA is proceeding through legal channels and not paying for damages until a court decision is reached.

**MOTION 255:** 

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the defendants Jennifer Feinberg, Max Wallace, Genevieve Morin and CUSA be defended jointly under CUSA in the suit that Jean Robertson is bringing against them and that any settlement be made through CUSA.

Moved by: Ron Hiscox Seconded by: Michael Judson 42ND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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#### Discussion:

Ron Hiscox stated that charges being laid against all four are the same and the defences will be the same, and that the lawyer is in agreement with the motion. He further reported that the case is going to court this week for the "Examination on Discovery". Sandra Cappelli commented that if the lawyer suggested the joint action for the four defendants, then in view of the Board's lack of legal knowledge the Board should follow the lawyer's advice.

(10:30)

Ron Hiscox stated that it was important to set a precedent as to what goes to the CUSA Judicial Board and what goes to court immediately. Furthermore, he continued, it was important to set a precedent regarding how much people can get away with under the protection of CUSA. Jonathan Jolivet questioned making "The Link" autonomous, and therefore responsible tor what it publishes. Chris Mostovac commented that in his opinion "The Link" and David Hunt were irresponsible in the manner in which the story was published. He also stated that there was some discussion last spring of raising a motion to make CUSA's position public as opposed to the outright censorship of not letting "The Link" publish.

MOVE to end debate.

Moved by: Milva D'Aronco Seconded by: Lorne Lecker

No Objections to ending debate.

VOTE ON MOTION 255:

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Interim Chairperson Scott White announced a return to Item 6.

### 6. Reports:

## f) Liaison Committee Report:

Heather Rerrie reported that at the last meeting of the Liaison Committee, it was decided to approach the Board on running this department by the Committee as opposed to having a V.P. There are eight people on the committee, five of whom had applied for the V.P. vacany. The Committee meets on a weekly basis.

MOTION 256:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CUSA Board of Directors accepts the proposal that the Liaison Department is operated by the Liaison Committee with Heather Rerrie and Jeanette Sirois as signing officers until the end of this academic term.

Moved by: Heather Rerrie
Seconded by: Shirleen Weekes

VOTE ON MOTION 256:

15/0/0

Unanimous

(10:45)

Due to the length of time this meeting was taking, Interim Chairperson Scott White announced that only Item 8(c) ECA-CUSA Negotiations and a return to Item 8(a) University Senate Appointments ratified earlier in the meeting would be dealt with this evening. The remaining Items would have to be postponed until the next meeting.

#### 8. New Business:

#### c) ECA-CUSA Negotiations:

Interim Chairperson Scott White gave the floor to Al Francavilla of ECA to address this issue. Al Francavilla stated his concern over the progress in the ECA-CUSA negotiations and felt a need for concrete goals and plans in order to come to an agreement. Regarding the proposed service contract, he reported that only two meetings had been held. At one of these meetings, there were only two people in attendance and at the other only one person showed up. ECA had been hoping for a quick resolution, and Al Francavilla wanted the CUSA Board of Directors to be aware of the fact that not much progress had been made to date.

Janice Domaratzki asked who was serving on the committee and Brian Weihs responded that he, Ron Hiscox, Francois Desrosiers, Yael Lifshitz and Carla Grodis (who has since resigned) had made up the negotiating committee. He further stated that the committee has been working on obtaining the information requested by ECA and that ECA was responsible for delaying the date of the next meeting until December 20, 1985. Art Checchin of ECA stated that the reason for the delay was because CUSA had been unable to come up with the documentation requested for the previous meetings and ECA wanted to ensure that CUSA had enough time to be prepared for the next meeting.

(11:00)

Milva D'Aronce stated that she sympathized with ECA and felt that the responsibility should not be upon ECA to come to CUSA to negotiate their service contract, rather CUSA should be shouldering the responsibility. She stated her admiration for ECA's willingness to pay its bill. She further stated that when she was discussing the service contract proposal with Brian Weihs, he repeatedly told her that they would have to wait until the end of the year to know how much to charge ECA; however, ECA finds itself in a bind by not paying until the end of the year. Milva D'Aronco suggested that in her opinion it should be possible to estimate a bill for ECA and then make adjustments if necessary at the end of the year. She closed her comments by stating that this issue has dragged on for much too long.

Shirleen Weekes questioned whether the Board could go back to the old records and make an estimate from that source. Brian Weihs responded that there have been drastic changes with regard to other service contracts (e.g. typesetting equipment, radio station cutbacks) and that these changes have made it impossible to handle the ECA issue in this manner.

In response to Milva D'Aronco's comments, Brian Weihs stated that two specific proposals were offered at the ECA-CUSA negotiations meeting:

firstly, the bill could be settled at the time of budgetting, or secondly, settlement could be made when expenses have been incurred.

Al Francavilla stated that ECA had requested two documents (a copy of the beer contract between Labatt's and Cusacorp, and a recent statement of accounts) and these documents have not yet been produced. Brian Weihs answered that the first document does not exist because it is an unwritten contract, and that there have been technical problems in providing a recent statement of accounts.

Janice Domaratzki asked when the budgetting process would end and Brian Weihs responded that it is an ongoing process and will not come to an end.

Al Francavilla stated that ECA would like to know what the "exlusivity" policy is with beer companies because ECA would like to have that sort of contract with Molson's. Brian Weihs stated that there is no specific policy and it can be changed at any time, and that Cusacorp sells Labatt's products because they have been given a good deal.

Al Francavilla also stated that ECA would like to receive a budget, not the final budget but the preliminary one that other groups ask for, and he hoped that CUSA would be able to provide this by the December 20th meeting.

Mike Judson suggested that since Carla Grodis has resigned, another CUSA Director should be on the negotiating committee. Chris Mostovac volunteered. There were no objections. David Etherington stated that perhaps another Board member would be needed because this issue was coming to the Board, and both he and Mark Pink volunteered. There were no objections to having all three on the negotiating committee. Milva D'Aronco requested that the three of them choose a chairperson from among themselves, and that this chairperson would be responsible for calling meetings and arranging for the people involved to attend.

(11:15)

## 8a) Appointments to University Senate:

Interim Chairperson Scott White announced that he had been advised by Academic V.P. Yael Lifshitz that there had been a problem with the ratifications of the University Senate appointments done earlier in the meeting. He gave the floor to Yael Lifshitz to explain to the Board. She stated that those ratifications were illegal. There was only one Arts and Science seat available and representation was needed from around the faculty—there were too many Political Science students appointed. She further stated that she had a History student, Janice Housez, whom she wanted to nominate but who was unavailable this evening due to illness, and she advised the Board that she would appoint the History student as an interim Senator.

Shirleen Weekes questioned the number of seats available and Yael Lifshitz responded that there were a total of four seats: one Engineering, one Arts and Science, and two Commerce. She went on to say that the CUSA Board of Directors cannot override the procedural rule for proportional representation.

Milva D'Aronco commented that she felt that Yael Lifshitz had been irresponsible in filling the Senate vacancies and that it was the duty of the Board to make Yael Lifshitz realize her irresponsibility in this

matter. Milva D'Aronco questioned the seriousness shown by the CUSA Board of Directors if the Board keeps electing interim bodies, and she stressed the need for continuity.

Yael Lifshitz responded that the Senate seats had never been filled before December before. She explained the reason for the problem being that people never show up to be ratified by the Board, and that the problem was the same for the Concordia Council on Student Life appointments. She gave the example this evening of the Engineering student who had been nominated by the ECA V.P. and should have been present this evening for ratification.

Jonathan Jolivet commented that if people do not show up to the CUSA Board of Directors, what guarantee does the Board have that they will show up for the Senate meetings.

(11:30)

Milva D'Aronco stated just because the seats were not filled in the past until December that it was no excuse not to have them filled now. She supported Jonathan Jolivet's comment on the reliability of people to attend Senate meetings if they were not reliable enough to present themselves for ratification. She requested that more nominations than seats available be presented to the Board so that the Board can have some choice in the matter.

MOTION 257:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT there will be an election held for the remaining Arts and Science seat on Senate.

Moved by: Mark Pink Seconded by: Chris Mostovac

MOVE to end debate.

Moved by: Lorne Lecker Seconded by: Chris Mostovac

There were no objections to ending debate

VOTE ON MOTION 257:

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Carried

Yael Lifshitz announced that she would appoint History student Janice Housez as an interim Senator and would ask her to present herself to the Board for ratification at the next meeting in two weeks.

#### 9. Announcements:

Ron Hiscox announced that the Board of Governors has formed a committee of ten people including two students (himself and Sandra Cappelli) to study the issue of divestment in South Africa and to recommend to the University whether on not to divest. This recommendation is expected to be presented at the Board of Governors meeting in December. Ron Hiscox has more information on this subject. Yael Lifshitz stated that she will be

receiving information from McGill University's Board of Governors on their divestment decision and that this information will be available soon.

## 10. Adjournment:

MOVE to adjourn at 11:50 p.m.

Moved by: Lorne Lecker Seconded by: Chris Mostovac

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G. Scott White, Interim Chairperson

Jo Howard, Recording Secretary